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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/783,598.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. The following title is suggested: --Method for making a front and back conductive substrate--.
2. The abstract should have been revised to readable on the claimed method invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Beilin et al (5,916,453). Beilin et al disclose the method for making conductive substrate comprising:

forming by a process of anisotropic etching (see the discussion at col. 6) a plurality of posts having an electrically conductive portion that has at least a first surface and a second surface that communicate with each other (see Figs. 5-6); and

filling space between the plurality of posts with an insulating material (see Fig. 7).

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As applied to claim 11, Beilin et al disclose limitation of this claim (refer to the discussion at col. 6, lines 55-67, and Figs. 15-16).

As applied to claim 12, Figs. 3, 4 shows the etching process leave a portion of the etching material disposed also to couple the posts to each other.

5. Claim 14 is also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP patent No. 11-163207 hereinafter 'JP'207. The JP'207 discloses the method of the present application comprising: forming by a process of anisotropic etching a plurality of posts 1's having an electrically conductive portion that has at least a first surface and a second surface that communicate with each other (see Figs. 1a-d); and filling space between the plurality of posts with an insulating material (see Fig. 2b). Note that metal etching process by Ultrasonic wave of the JP'207 represents the anisotropic etching as broadly cited in the present application's claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 14-16 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Beilin et al (5,916,453) in view of Albrecht et al (4,968,585).

If argue that Beilin et al do not teach the anisotropic etching as to form posts structure. The Albrecht et al discloses that (see the discussed in the abstract and col. 2, lines 30-37, etc., also see Figs. 1-5, show posts 18's being formed by anisotropic etching).

As applied to claim 11, noting Beilin et al disclose limitation of this claim (refer to the discussion at col. 6, lines 55-67, and Figs. 15-16).

As applied to claim 12, noting Beilin's Figs. 3, 4 show at least a portion of the etching material disposed also to couple the posts to each other.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art cited for their teaching of substrate assembly or the like.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minh Trinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4569. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Thursday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on (571) 272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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